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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TRAFFIC STOP RESULTS IN A LARGE COCAINE SEIZURE

On June 13, a Department of Public Safety Officer stopped a 2002 Infiniti for speeding on eastbound Interstate 40 near milepost 252, outside of Winslow.

A search with the assistance of a DPS canine turned up 12 pounds of cocaine with a street value of approximately \$75,000. The drugs were concealed in the back of the vehicle's front seats.

The driver, 51-year-old Frederick Jeter Jr., indicated he was traveling from Los Angeles and headed to Tennessee.

"This is a huge amount of cocaine that DPS is taking off the street. 12 pounds of cocaine can be broken into more than 21,000 smaller, "personal use amounts" and sold in Arizona Communities. This is a significant seizure that helps keep cocaine from those who choose to use it and drive impaired," said Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agencies in the United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona's largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix and has offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona's 15 counties.